CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for use in wirelessly communicating, comprising:

a first part having an interior surface and an exterior;

a second part having an interior surface and an exterior, wherein the second part is pivotably attached with the first part such that in a closed position the interior surface of the first part is proximate to and faces the interior surface of the second part;

an exterior display mounted on the exterior of the first part to display data;

a first actuator accessible from the exterior of one of the first and second parts, wherein the first actuator when activated causes a shift of the data on the exterior display such that a first alternate portion of the data is displayed;

a second actuator accessible from the exterior of one of the first and second parts, wherein the second actuator when activated causes a shift of the data on the exterior display such that a second alternate portion of the data is displayed; and

a third actuator accessible from the exterior of one of the first and second parts, wherein the third actuator causes a shift in a default direction of the data on the exterior display such that a third alternate portion of the data is displayed when the third actuator is activated and held activated for a predefined period of time.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first actuator causes a shift of the data on the exterior display such that a fourth alternate portion of the data is displayed when the first actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated, and wherein the second actuator causes a shift of the data on the exterior display such that a fifth alternate portion of the data is displayed when the second actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated.

3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first, second and third actuators are positioned on a side of one of the first and second exteriors such that the first, second and third actuators are accessible when the first and second parts are in the closed position.

4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first actuator causes the shift of the data on the exterior display to shift a first direction when the first actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated such that the third alternate portion of the data displayed is a first portion of a first entry of a list; and

the second actuator causes the shift of the data on the exterior display to shift a second direction when the second actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated such that the fourth alternate portion of the data displayed is a second portion of the first entry of the list.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the third alternate portion of the data is equal to one of the fourth and fifth alternate portions of data.

6. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first actuator causes the shift of the data on the exterior display to shift a third direction when the first actuator is activated while the third actuator is not activated such that the first alternate portion of the data displayed is a first portion of a succeeding second entry of the list; and

the second actuator causes the shift of the data on the exterior display to shift a fourth direction when the second actuator is activated while the third actuator is not activated such that the second alternate portion of the data displayed is a first portion of a preceding third entry of the list.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

a processor coupled with the first, second and third actuators, wherein the processor receives the activation of the first, second and third actuators and directs the data to the exterior display.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

a selection cursor that is displayed on the exterior display indicating a portion of the data that is selected; and

the processor is configured to initiate wireless communication in accordance with the selected portion of data.

9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the third actuator initiates the data to be displayed on the exterior display when actuated.

10. The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:

a selection cursor that is displayed on the exterior display indicating a portion of the data that is selected, wherein the selection cursor is shifted to highlight at least a portion of the first alternate portion of the data when the first actuator is activated, the selection cursor is shifted to highlight at least a portion of the second alternate portion of the data when the second actuator is activated, the selection cursor is shifted to highlight at least a portion of the third alternate portion of the data when the first actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated, and the selection cursor is shifted to highlight at least a portion of the fourth alternate portion of the data when the second actuator is activated while the third actuator is activated.

11. A method for use in accessing data on a portable, handheld device, comprising:

displaying data on an external display of a handheld device while the handheld device is in a closed position; and

while the handheld device is closed:

receiving a first command and scrolling the data on the external display in a first direction to display first additional data;

receiving a second command and scrolling the data on the external display in a second direction to display second additional data;

receiving the first command while a third command is active and scrolling the data on the external display in a third direction to display third additional data; and

receiving the second command while the third command is active and scrolling the data on the external display in a fourth direction to display fourth additional data.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving the third command;

receiving the third command for a predefined period while the neither the first and second commands are active; and

scrolling the data on the external display in a default direction to display fifth additional data when the third command is active for the predefined period while the neither the first and second commands are active.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the displaying data comprises displaying a first portion of a first entry, the scrolling in the third direction to display the third additional data comprises scrolling the data in the third direction to display a second portion of the first entry of data, and the scrolling in the fourth direction to display the fourth additional data comprises scrolling the data in the fourth direction to display a third portion of the first entry of data.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the scrolling in the first direction to display the first additional data comprises scrolling the data in the first direction to display a first portion of a second entry, and the scrolling in the second direction to display the second additional data comprises scrolling the data in the second direction to display a first portion of a third entry of data.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first direction is up, the second direction is down, the third direction is right and the fourth direction is left.

16. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

shifting a selection cursor in the first direction when the first command is received, shifting the selection cursor in the second direction when the second command is received, shifting the selection cursor in the third direction when the first command is received while the third command is received, and shifting the selection cursor in the fourth direction when the second command is received while the third command is received.

17. The method of claim 11, wherein the data comprises data wirelessly received.

18. A method for use in displaying data on a handheld device, comprising:

displaying a first portion of a first entry of data on an external display of a handheld device while the handheld device is in a closed position;

displaying a first portion of a second entry of data on the external display when a first command is received while a third command is not received;

displaying a second portion of the first entry of data on the external display when the first command is received while the third command is received; and

displaying a third portion of the first entry of data on the external display when a second command is received while the third command is received.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

displaying a first portion of a third entry of data on the external display when the second command is received while the third command is not received.

20. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

displaying a second portion of the second entry of data on the external display when the first command is received while the third command is received and while the second entry is displayed on the external display; and

displaying a third portion of the second entry of data on the external display when the second command is received while the third command is received and while the third entry is displayed on the external display.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:

determining if a fourth portion of the first entry is selected when a fourth command is received;

accessing an alternate data list when the fourth portion is selected; and

displaying a first portion of a first entry of the alternate data list.